

Translating Security Requirements into Protection Profiles

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AGENDA

- **How to create a PP**
- **Purpose**
- **Reason for caring**
- **Examples**
- **Benefits**
- **Future**

How We Do This ?

- A FOUR STEP PROCESS

- STEP A

- Identify Requirements in language understood by creators of product or users of product
 - Allows the community to identify requirements without having to know Common Criteria.

How We Do This ? (2)

– STEP B

- Translate your product/system requirements to CC language
- Identify existing elemental PPs that might answer need
- Map the results of those that do not have existing PP to new PPs

How We Do This ? (3)

– STEP C

- Evaluate the PP for Common Criteria Compliance
- Create PP's that meet NIAP requirements while including requirements of target audience
- Not everything in original list will make the PP

How We Do This ? (4)

– STEP D

- Vett the PP to a large, knowledgeable audience for comments
- Create PP's that reflect needs and requirements of broad spectrum of users
- Try to make generic enough to go beyond original audience. May or may not work!!

PURPOSE

- Enhance understanding of products and systems relative to security functionality
- Train all sides to recognize and understand CC terminology
- Give vendors CC requirements to meet
- Provide “Corporate” and acquisition personnel with a more powerful mechanism for understanding and comparison

WHY SHOULD WE CARE ?

- **NSTISSP 11 requirements for CC and CMVP Validation! www.nstissc.gov**
- **NSA/DoD desire for protection profiles!**
- **Federal (Especially Homeland Security) desire for protection profiles!**
- **Commercial (Healthcare, Insurance, Banking) desire for protection profiles!**

EXAMPLES OF PPs

- Can get on the Information Assurance Technical Framework Forum (IATF) website (www.iatf.net), click on Protection Profiles in documents

EXAMPLES OF PP Development

- Let's look at “one” example -

Intrusion Detection

- There are now Three PPs
- Started as one in 1998

Examples of PP Development (Cont'd)

- **STEP A**

- **Input from Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Joint Chiefs.**
- **Each had identified products and listed the functionality of each. Also identified other requirements**

Examples of PP Development (Cont'd)

- **Step B:**
 - **PP written from Product Lists from Services, and Requirements ID'd in other Documents provided**
 - **Written to include Protection, not just detection as this was identified**

Examples of PP Development (Cont'd)

Step C:

- Evaluated for CC compliance
- Comment returned on inclusions, not just CC compliance
- Addressed comments

Examples of PP Development (Cont'd)

Step D:

- **No vetting with the Services, or any other knowledgeable audience**

Examples of PP Development (Cont'd)

- **Federal Agency System Architecture PP**
 - Started with Agency Security Requirements
 - Mapped requirements to existing Elemental PPs
 - Identified some aspects of elemental PPs that do not need to be utilized in all cases – I&A, Audit, etc.
 - Identified requirements with no existing Elemental PPs
 - Wrote elemental PPs to fulfill these security requirements
 - Submitted System PP to agency personnel for review, with mapping to requirements submitted
 - Still in process – No plans to send through NIAP review

Examples of other input to PP Process

- **FIPS 140-2 validation for Cryptography**
- **Privacy requirements – current ANSI X9 Working Group**
- **Wireless Working Group proposed for ANSI X9F**
- **Homeland Security Initiatives**
- **IATF Forum has had programs on Wireless and PKI**
- **Healthcare HIPAA requirements**
- **Insurance Industry starting to identify needs**

BENEFITS OF PP Development

- Enhance “Corporate” understanding of CC and inter-relationship of products
- Security needs in a Common Standardized Language will create more uniform types of products that will lead to interoperability – but this is Not Guaranteed

FUTURE OF PP's

- **Better Exchange of Security Requirements**
 - **By “Corporate Interests”**
 - **By Vendors**
 - **By Acquisition Personnel**
 - **By Users**

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